tools & equipment at subsidised rate; setting up common facility centre; publicity and computerised design development etc.

(d) Incentives are being given in the form of National Award/Merit Certificate to outstanding craftspersons and weavers as a recognition of their artistic skill. The National/State Awardee & Merit Certificate holder mastercraft persons who are unable to work due to old age and infirmity are provided pension @ Rs. 500/- per month. TA/DA is also provided to them for participation in various fairs/festivals in the country and aborad. They can also avail concessional loan facilities through NABARD AND SIDBI. Further they are provided benefit under the existing scheme of the Government.

(e) Does not arise.

Closing of Carpet Training Centre

918. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are undergoing the process to close down the carpet training centres in the country particularly in J&K;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of youths in the country State-wise trained by these training centres and provided with employment;

(d) whether Government have formulated any alternative scheme to provide employment to these trained youths; and

(e) if so, the main features of the said alternate employment scheme?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) and (b) The Government have now decided that the scheme of departmentally run carpet training centre including in the State of Jammu & Kashmir may be reviewed and only the barest minimum number of centre should be run. The main reason for this decision is saturation of training requirement in some areas.

(c) to (e) The number of trainees trained in the country state-wise by these centres is as per statement attached (*see* below). The trainign provided through the carpet training centres is aimed to generate employment opportunities and there is no scheme to provide employment to trained youth. However, a survey by NCAER in the year 1993-94 reveals that nearly 2/3rd of the trainees trained pursue the craft in which they are trained.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of States	Number of trainees trained during 1996-97
1.	Uttar Pradesh	1423
2.	Madhya Pradesh	230
3.	Bihar	277
4.	West Bengal	49
5.	Andhra Pradesh	236
6.	Karnataka	62
7.	Tamil Nadu	37
8.	Pondicherry	13
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	753
10.	Rajasthan	111
11.	Haryana	34
12.	Punjab	27
13.	Himachal Pradesh	24
	GRANT TOTAL	3276

वस्त्र एवं जूट-मिल के आधुनिकीकरण की योजना

919. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वस्त्र मिल आधुनिकीकरण योजना तथा जूट मिल आधुनिकीकरण निधि के अंतर्गत वर्ष 1996-और 1997 (आज तक) में वस्त्र और जूट मिलों के आधुनिकीकरण के लिए मिल-वार कितनी धनराशि प्रदान की गयी है;

(ख) क्या मिलें आधुनिकीकरण के बाद लाभ प्राप्त कर रही हैं; यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) इन मिलों के आधुनिकीकरण के फलस्वरूप छंटनी किए गए कार्मिकों की मिल-वार संख्या क्या है;

(घ) वर्ष 1997-98 के दौरान राज्य-वार कितनी वस्त्र /जूट मिलों का आधुनिकीकरण करने का विचार है; और

(ड़) चालू वर्ष के दौरान इस प्रयोजनार्थ कितनी धनराशि उपलब्ध कराये जाने की आशा है?